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Lail et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/661,204 ) Art Unit: Unknown  
Filed: September 12, 2003 ) Examiner: Unknown  
Title: OPTICAL TUBE ASSEMBLY HAVING A  
DRY INSERT AND METHODS OF MAKING  
THE SAME

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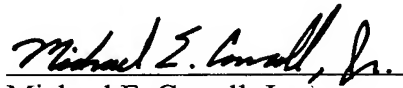
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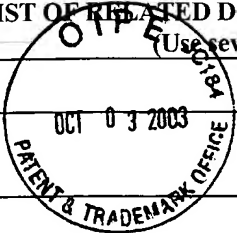
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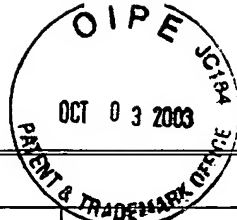
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